

Excerpts from Communist "Holy Writ"

ILLEGAL ACTION

(a) "Every legal CP must understand how to assure for itself the greatest preparedness for action even under the conditions of underground activity, especially must it be ready for the outbreak of revolutionary uprisings. Every illegal CP must exploit with energy all the opportunities afforded by the legal labor movement to become through intensive party work the organizer and leader of the great revolutionary masses."

The Communist, Official Organ of the CP of America/
Vol. I, No. 4, Oct 1921, p. 26 (712/III)

(b) "Illegal work is necessary... We must make use of all the legal possibilities. And at the same time we must learn to issue illegal leaflets, to form illegal group meetings, to form illegal shop committees, where it is necessary, to have illegal directing centers, etc."

Ibid. Vol. V, Aug 15, 1920, p. 11

(c) "A Communist representative [in a parliament], by decision of the Central Committee, is bound to combine legal work with illegal work. In countries where the Communist delegate enjoys a certain inviolability, this must be utilized by way of rendering assistance to the illegal organizations and for the propaganda of the party."

The Theses and Statutes of the Communist International
(1920), New York: Central Exec. Committee of the CP of America, 1921.

(d) "Wherever owing to repressive legislation agitation becomes impossible, it is necessary to carry on such agitation illegally. But refusal to carry on or participate in such work should be considered equal to treason to the revolutionary cause and incompatible with affiliation to the Third international."

Ibid.

VIOLENCE

"Marxism-Leninism teaches that the violent overthrow of the domination of the exploiting classes and establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat is a general law of the Socialist Revolution... Marxism-Leninism is incompatible with opportunistic ideas to the effect that the

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transition from capitalism can be carried out peacefully on the basis of parliamentary voting..."

P. Fedoseev, Bolshevik, No. 14, July 1948.

"Lenin emphasized that ... 'the will of the majority of the people' is not enough and force on the part of the revolutionary class is essential."

Vyshinsky, Soviet News, London, 1948, p. 16

INFILTRATION

"as long as you are unable to disperse the bourgeois parliament and every other type of reactionary institution, you must work inside them..."

IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE

"There can be no breathing space in ideological warfare. On the ideological front, we must and we shall fight not by passive resistance but by an active and unceasing attack on our enemies. This is what the Party of Lenin and Stalin teaches. This is in accordance with our traditions.... Let the enemy consider us nasty people. From the mouth of the enemy this is praise."

Pravda, K. Siminov, Nov. 22, 1946

WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITY

"Since the Second Congress of the Third International we have secured a firm foothold in the imperialist countries, not only ideologically but organizationally. There are now nuclei in all countries which are carrying on and will continue to carry on independent work. This job is done."

Lenin- Selected Works, Vol. VIII, p. 282

"The tasks of the Party in foreign policy are: ... 2) to spare not pains or means to render assistance to the proletarian revolutions in the West; 3) to take all necessary measures to strengthen the national liberation movement in the East..."

Stalin, Pravda, Aug 28, 1921.

"No matter what special characteristics may exist in individual countries, the general principles of Bolshevism are mandatory for all countries."

Burdzhalov, Bolshevik, No. 17, Sept. 15, 1948

"The defense of the USSR... is the holy duty of every honest man everywhere and not only of the citizens of the USSR".

P. E. Vyshinsky, Problems of Philosophy, No. 2, 1948.

MORALITY

"Morals or ethnics is the body of norms and rules on the conduct of the Soviet Peoples. At the root of Communist morality, said Lenin, lies the struggle for the consolidation and the completion of Communism. Therefore, from the point of view of Communist morality, only those acts are moral which contribute to the building up of a new Communist society."

Radio Moscow, Aug 20, 1950

"From the point of view of Communist morality, moral is only that which facilitates the destructions of the old world, and which strengthens the new, Communist regime. At the foundation of Communist morality lies the struggle for the strengthening and perfecting of Communism (Lenin)."

Short Philosophical Dictionary, Gospolitizdat, Moscow, 1941, p. 177

EXPEDIENCY

"The strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism must be combined with the ability to make all the necessary compromises, to 'tact,' to make agreements, zigzags, retreats, and so on, in order to accelerate the coming into power of the Communists."

Lenin, Selected Works (NY, 1943, Vol. X, p. 138) (17/V)

"We must be able to withstand all this, to agree to any sacrifice, and even--if needs be--to resort to all sorts of stratagems, manoeuvres, illegal methods, to evasions and subterfuges, only so as to get into the trade unions, to remain in them and to carry on Communist work within them at all costs."

Lenin, Selected Works, Vol. X, p. 95-96